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SUBJECT: MEETINGS OF STANDING COMMITTEE OF UN PENSION BOARD

1. STANDING COMMITTEE OF UN JOINT STAFF PENSION BOARD HELD TWO SPECIAL MEETINGS AT UN HEADQUARTERS NOVEMBER 29 TO DISCUSS ADJUSTMENT OF PENSION ISSUE AND OTHER PENSION MATTERS BEFORE FIFTH COMMITTEE. BESIDES NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVES, MEMBERS OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES BASED IN GENEVA, ROME AND MONTREAL WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE. THEY WERE J. BURTON, (WHO) Y LAMBERT (ICAO), C. BAUDAZZI (ITU), C. VON STEDINGT (ILO) AND CHAIRMAN J. WRIGLEY (FAO).

2. COMMITTEE MET WITH GENEVA PENSION AND SALARY STRIKE IN BACKGROUND AND AS RESULT SERIOUS CONCERN BY GENEVA AND ROME ORGANIZATIONS OVER POSSIBLE NEGATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS BY ACABQ AND FIFTH COMMITTEE ON PENSION ADJUSTMENTS. FACT THAT ACABQ REPORT ON PENSIONS ISSUED MORING NOVEMBER 29, DID NOT RECOMMEND AGAINST CPI PENSION ADJUSTMENT SCHEME, HELPED DEFUSE TEMPERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS FROM SPECIALIZED AGENCIES WHICH HAD BEEN RUNNING HIGH BEFORE MEETING.

3. IT WAS DECIDED THAT CHAIRMAN MCGOUGH SHOULD PRESENT

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BOARD'S REPORT TO FIFTH COMMITTEE AND EXPLAIN REASONS FOR

DECISIONS REACHED IN COPENHAGEN. IT WAS ALSO DECIDED THAT
REPRESENTATIVES OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES SHOULD MAKE STATEMENTS
IN FIFTH COMMITTEE DESCRIBING SITUATION AND FEELING OF
PENSIONERS AND STAFF MEMBERS IN WESTERN EUROPE, AS WELL
AS SUPPORTING CHAIRMAN AND ACTIONS OF PENSION BOARD.
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